

Monday: 10 05 21

John 14:26

Reflection: We are reminded that the Holy Spirit was sent with a divine purpose. It was promised and sent by God to those who had, and even today, have accepted Jesus as their Saviour. The Spirit will teach us and remind us of what we have learned each Sunday at Church.

Application: Going to Church is one of the greatest privileges and signs of freedom. In many countries it is forbidden. Those who do try and meet are arrested and abused. The Holy Spirit is with us to teach us to value our freedom as well as to help us learn from our time in fellowship.

Challenge: Can you name three things you learned while at Church this Sunday?

Tuesday: 11 05 21

John 16:7-8

Reflection: Jesus tells his followers that he must leave so that the Holy Spirit can come into the world. He explains that with the Spirit they will be able to discern just how evil the world is. It will be a litmus test that will reveal the truth to them.

Application: In our daily life we can be easily drawn away from the truth. The world is able to create amazingly fancy things to amuse us. Yet it is one of the qualities of the Spirit to show us the wickedness of the world. So we don't become overly complacent and go astray.

Challenge: In prayer we can find solace and the truth that we so deeply need to survive. So pray.

Wednesday: 12 05 21

1 Corinthians 3:16

Reflection: We are told that we are the temple of God. This has been perhaps distorted by many people over the years. If we were to think of this in the same way we were told in 1 Corinthians 12:12; the physical body of believers become the body of the Church. In this concept, we are the physical temple of the Church. Filled with the Holy Spirit for a task or mission that God has given each of us.

Application: As we learn we are both the body of the Church and the temple that represents God to the world; how are we doing?

Challenge: Sunday is just one day a week. Do we put the spirit on hold for six days. Until we return?

Thursday: 13 05 21

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Reflection: The Holy Spirit does more than just teach us and remind us of the truth. Here we learn that the Spirit is able to give to each of us a unique task that will help spread the Gospel. wisdom. knowledge, faith, powers, prophesy, spiritual discernment, speaking in tongues and interpreting what is said in tongues.

Application: As Christians we may not know what our particular gift of the Spirit may be. We may become happy just going to Church and leaving such things to others.

Challenge: What is your gift? Have you ever thought what it might be?

Friday: 14 05 21

Ephesians 1:13

Reflection: The use of a seal by a signet ring was very important in Biblical times. As well as the importance of the name who someone may be speaking on their behalf. We learn here that we are marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit. A mark that sets us apart from the lost world.

Application: I remember when I first accepted the Lord as my Saviour. It made me feel in many ways freed from the weight of sin and fear. It also made me aware that I no longer belonged to me or anyone else. But that I belonged to God. The seal of the Spirit shone brightly to me.

Challenge: Can you feel the seal of the Spirit on your heart? How does it make you feel?

Saturday: 15 05 21

Galatians 5:16-21

Reflection: We are taught to do what is right. The Holy Spirit is able to make what we do be fruitful and good in the sight of God. If we are led by the Spirit we will forego the things of the flesh and seek to do the things that are pleasing before God. This is one wonderful job the Spirit does.

Application: Each week, Monday to Saturday, I encourage friends to read the Bible. In it they will learn what is pleasing to God. As well as what we can each be blessed through a deeper fellowship with the fellowship of believers.

Challenge: Can you think of one person you could call this week and encourage in the faith?

In God We Trust

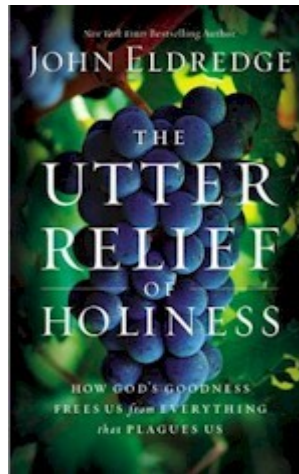


In God we trust, our souls to rest,
In verdant fields, a life that's blest.
In passions rage, a faith on fire,
Our broken souls, lift'd up from mire.
We pray to God, our stains egest,

In days gone by, through life's unrest,
In lifting up, our cross we threst,
To honour Him, we will not tire.
In God we trust.

The life we live, is a contest,
Yet some poor fools, will mock in jest.
For our Lord gives, a warning dire,
To miss judgement, and Hells' cruel fire.
We'll soldier on, complete life's quest.
In God we trust.

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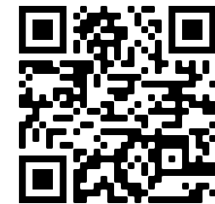
Six days to Sunday



Stepping Stones of Faith

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*We believe in the Bible over all of life
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*



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